

Anomalous Anisotropies of Fission Fragment Angular
Distributions in Subbarrier Fusion Fission Reaction *

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Fission cross sections and angular distributions of fission fragments have been measured with mica track detector for the $^{19}\text{F} + ^{232}\text{Th}$ reaction at the bombarding energies from 81 to 105 MeV. The fusion excitation function is rather well reproduced on the basis of the coupled channels theory (CCDEF code) in the interested energy region. However the measured values of anisotropy of fission fragment angular distributions can not be explained on the basis of present approaches. Moreover, it is observed the first time that as a function of the center-of-mass energy the anisotropies show a bump around 84.5 MeV, while the excitation function varies monotonically. The origin of both the larger than expected anisotropies and the bump as a function of center-of-mass energy is not clear. Positive comments must await further experiments.

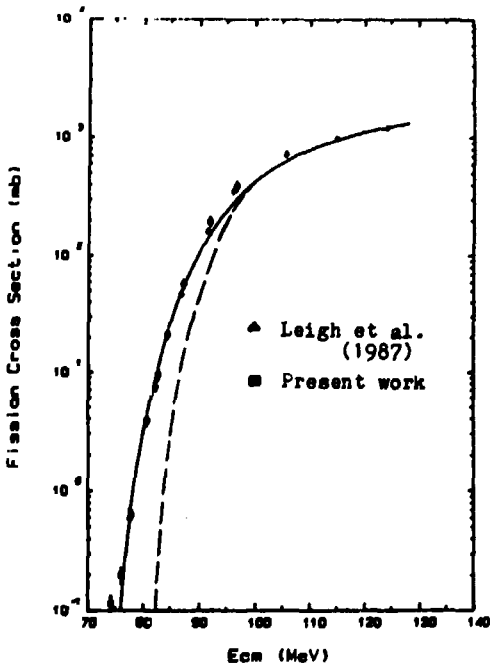


Fig. 1 Fission excitation function for the $^{19}\text{F} + ^{232}\text{Th}$ reaction. The full and dashed curves are the theoretical calculations of coupled channels and one dimensional barrier penetration, respectively.

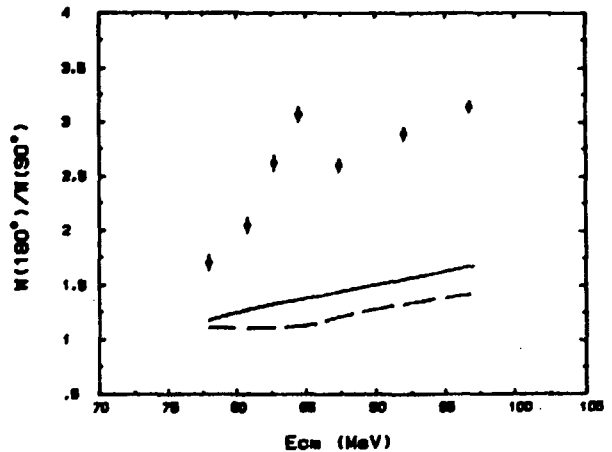


Fig. 2 Experimental anisotropies(dots) of fission fragment angular distributions for the $^{19}\text{F} + ^{232}\text{Th}$ reaction at near and sub-barrier energies. The solid and dashed curves are the transition state calculations with T_1 obtained from coupled channels and one dimensional barrier penetration calculations of the excitation function.

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